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SUBJECT: MCGOVERN VISITS PAKISTAN

1. SENATOR AND MRS. MCGOVERN, ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR STAFF MEMBERS, RECEIVED RED-CARPET TREATMENT FROM GOP DURING VISIT TO PAKISTAN JANUARY 4-7. CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION EXISTS ON BOTH SIDES THAT VISIT WENT WELL; SENATOR HAD USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP OFFICIALS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC CONCERNS IN AREA WHILE GOP MADE GOOD USE OF VISIT TO POLISH ITS IMAGE WITH SENIOR MEMBER FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

2. SENATOR, MRS. MCGOVERN AND STAFF HAD FULL SCHEDULE IN PAKISTAN INCLUDING VISIT TO TARBELA AND MEETING AND DINNER WITH AZIZ AHMED ON THE 4TH; MEETINGS AT EMBASSY, VISIT TO MOHENJEDARO, AND TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER IN LARKANA ON THE 5TH; AND MEETING WITH CONGEN OFFICERS, SIGHTSEEING AND A DINNER HOSTED BY PUNJAB GOVERNOR IN LAHORE ON THE 6TH.

3. GOP ENSURED EVERY HOSPITALITY WAS OFFERED THROUGHTOUT PROGRAM AND WENT FAR BEYOND NORMAL PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS FOR VISIT. HIGH POINT WAS TIME SPENT IN LARKANA AS HOUSE GUEST OF PRIME MINISTER. GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED WITH MCGOVERN DURING PM'S VISIT TO STASS LAST YEAR WAS STRENGTHENED DURING WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION AT BHUTTO HOME. SENATOR AND PARTY HAVE TOLD US HOW IMPRESSED THEY WERE BY ARRANGEMENT.EMWC
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PAKISTANI SIDE, VISIT WAS OPPORTUNITY TO HOST INFLUENTIAQJMEMBER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND TO BURNISH PAKISTAN'S IMAGE ON THE HILL. PAKS BELIEVED THIS WAS ACHIEVED.

4. VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AND FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT IN BOTH VERNACULAR AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS. GOP INFORMATION OFFICE ENCOURAGED FULLEST POSSIBLE COVERAGE IN PRINTED MEDIA. ARTICLES ALL STRUCK TWO THEMES: MCGOVERN WAS IMPRESSED BY PACE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PAKISTAN AND IS AWARE OF PAKISTAN'S DEFENSE CONCERNS. COVERAGE ON LAST DAY OF VISIT HIGHLIGHTED SENATOR'S STATEMENT IN LAHORE THAT INDIA'S ENTRY INTO NUCLEAR CLUB HAD DISTURBED BALANCE OF POWER IN SUBCONTINENT. EARLIER STORY NOTED THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH MCGOVERN, AZIZ AHMED HAD OUTLINED PAKISTAN'S SECURITY CONCERNS, AND SENATOR SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVES PAKISTAN'S MOST URGENT NEED IS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THERE QUOTE HAS TO BE A REASONABLE MILITARY DEFENSE FOR A COUNTRY AS IMPORTANT AS PAKISTAN. END QUOTE. STORY ADDED THAT SENATOR SAID HE HAD SUPPORTED LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO. THE SENATOR DID EXPRESS MILD CONCERN TO US THAT ALTHOUGH PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS REMARKS WAS ACCURATE, HE WAS SOMEWHAT WORRIED THAT EMPHASIS ON DEFENSE WOULD SUBJECT HIM TO SOME RIGOROUS QUESTIONING FROM REPORTERS IN DELHI.

5. ONLY RELATIVELY NEGATIVE NOTE WAS STRUCK IN VERNACULAR PRESS EDITORIALS JANUARY 6 AND 7 WHICH USED MCGOVERN VISIT TO PUSH SPORADICALLY HEARD THEME THAT US MILITARY SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT. EDITORIALS IN JANG AND TAMEER NOTE MCGOVERN VISIT SIGNIFICANT SINE IT WILL LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF PAKISTAN'S DEFENSE NEEDS BY US LEADERS ARTICLES GO ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT PAKISTAN SUFFERED IN 1971 BECAUSE US DID NOT FULLY APPRECIATE PAKISTAN'S PROBLEMS AND THAT PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN WILL BE SATISFIED ONLY IF AMERICA GIVES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO PAKISTAN'S DEFENSE NEEDS. EDITORIAL IN LEADING VERNACULAR NAWA-I-WAGT ADDS IT IS IRONY THAT ALTHOUGH PAKISTAN'S SECURITY IS A CORNERSTONE OF US FOREIGN POLICY, GOP HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY SIGNIFICANT MILITARY AID FROM US, AND CONCLUDES PAKISTAN SHOULD CONSEQUENTLY NOT EXPECT MUCH FROM MCGOVERN VISIT.

6. EXCEPT FOR THIS DISCORDANT NOTE, COVERAGE HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY POSITIVE AND GOP OBVIOUSLY SATISFIED WITH OPPORTUNITY TO HOST

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7. WE ARE POUCHING MFA MEMORANDUM OF SESSION SENATOR AND AMBASSADOR HAD WITH MINISTER AZIZ AHMED.
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